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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to March 10, 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Karl T. Rees (Reg No. 58,983) on July 11, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of establishing adjacencies on a network, the method comprising, at a first node of the network,
 sending one or more hello packets on the network;
 receiving one or more hello packets from other nodes on the network on the basis of the sent hello packets;
in response to receiving the one or more hello packets, sending a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit;
 wherein the overload bit in said field is not set;
wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information;
 interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 wherein the second link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and
on convergence of a forward cache, sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;

wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is not set.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the method is initiated when the first node is in a restart node.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein the restart node is a line card restart, a router restart or a download of a forwarding information base.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the network uses Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol and wherein the adjacency information is advertised in a Type Length Variable field of the link-state packet.
5. (Previously Presented) A method of re-establishing adjacency in an inter-networked system, the method comprising:
 - i) determining that adjacency establishment is required;
 - ii) transmitting a message to discover neighboring network elements;
 - iii) receiving one or more messages from neighboring network elements; and
 - iv) in response to the one or more received messages, generating a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit;
wherein the overload bit in said field is not set;
wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information;
 - v) sending the first link-state packet;
 - vi) interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
wherein the second link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and

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- vii) on convergence of a forward cache, sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit set that is not set.

6. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium ~~carrying~~ storing one or more sequences of instructions for establishing ~~adjacency in~~ adjacencies on a network, which instructions, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to carry out the steps of:

- sending one or more hello packets on the network;
- receiving one or more hello packets from other nodes on the network on the basis of the sent hello packets;
- in response to receiving the one or more hello packets, sending a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit;
 - wherein the overload bit in said field is not set;
- wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information;
- interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the second link-~~[[s]]~~-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and
- on convergence of a forward cache, sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is not set.

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7. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 6 further comprising instructions which, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to carry out the steps of:

initiating the method when in a restart node.

8. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 6 further comprising instructions which, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to carry out the steps of:

initiating the method when in a restart mode comprising one or more of the following: a line card restart, a router restart or a download of a forwarding information base.

9. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium ~~according to as claimed in~~ claim 6 wherein the network uses Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol and wherein the adjacency information is advertised in a Type Length Variable field of the link-state packet.

10. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium ~~carrying~~ storing one or more sequences of instructions for re-establishing adjacency in a network-an inter-networked system, which instructions, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to carry out the steps of:

- i) determining that adjacency establishment is required;
- ii) transmitting a message to discover neighboring network elements;
- iii) receiving one or more messages from neighboring network elements; and
- iv) in response to the one or more received messages, generating a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit;
wherein the overload bit in said field is not set;
wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information;

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- v) sending the first link-state packet;
- vi) interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the second link-~~[[s]]~~-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and
- vii) on convergence of a forward cache, sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit set that is not set.

11. (Currently amended) Apparatus for establishing adjacencies on a network, the apparatus comprising:

- means for sending one or more hello packets on the network;
- means for receiving one or more hello packets from other nodes on the network on the basis of the sent hello packets;
- means for, in response to receiving the one or more hello packets, sending a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit;
 - wherein the overload bit in said field is not set;
 - wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information;
- means for interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the second link-~~[[s]]~~-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and
- on convergence of a forward cache, means for sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;

wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is not set.

12. (Currently amended) Apparatus for re-establishing adjacency in an inter-networked system, the apparatus comprising:

- i) means for determining that adjacency establishment is required;
- ii) means for transmitting a message to discover neighboring network elements;
- iii) means for receiving one or more messages from neighboring network elements; and
- iv) means for in response to the one or more received messages, generating a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit;
 - wherein the overload bit in said field is not set;
 - wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information;
- v) means for sending the first link-state packet;
- vi) means for interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the second link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and
- vii) on convergence of a forward cache, means for sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;
 - wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit set that is not set.

13. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for establishing adjacencies on a network, the apparatus comprising:

- a network interface that is coupled to the network for receiving one or more packet flows therefrom;

- a processor;

- one or more stored sequences of instructions which, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to carry out the steps of:

 - sending one or more hello packets on the network;

 - receiving one or more hello packets from other nodes on the network on the basis of the sent hello packets;

 - in response to receiving the one or more hello packets, sending a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;

 - wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit;

 - wherein the overload bit in said field is not set;

 - wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information;

 - interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;

 - wherein the second link-~~[[s]]~~-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and

 - on convergence of a forward cache, sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;

 - wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is not set.

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14. (Currently amended) An apparatus for ~~re-establishing adjacencies~~ adjacency in a ~~network~~ an inter-networked system, the apparatus comprising:

a network interface that is coupled to the network for receiving one or more packet flows therefrom;

a processor;

one or more stored sequences of instructions which, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to carry out the steps of:

- i) determining that adjacency establishment is required;
- ii) transmitting a message to discover neighboring network elements;
- iii) receiving one or more messages from neighboring network elements; and
- iv) in response to the one or more received messages, generating a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;

wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit;

wherein the overload bit in said field is not set;

wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information;

- v) sending the first link-state packet;
- vi) interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;

wherein the second link-~~[[s]]~~-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and

- vii) on convergence of a forward cache, sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol;

wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit set that is not set.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claims 1,6,11,13, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious a method, a computer-readable medium, and an apparatus for establishing adjacencies on a network, comprising: "... in response to receiving the one or more hello packets, sending a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol; wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit; wherein the overload bit in said field is not set; wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information; interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol; wherein the second link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and on convergence of a forward cache, sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol; wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload that is not set."

With regard to claims 5,10,12,14, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious a method, a computer-readable medium, and an apparatus for re-establishing adjacency in an inter-networked system, comprising: "... iv) in response to the one or

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more received messages, generating a first link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol; wherein the first link-state packet includes a field for an overload bit; wherein the overload bit in said field is not set; wherein the first link-state packet comprises no adjacency information; ... vi) interrogating a link-state adjacency table and, when only one adjacency is listed in the link-state table, sending a second link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol; wherein the second link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit that is set; and vii) on convergence of a forward cache, sending a further link-state packet in Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System protocol; wherein the further link-state packet comprises adjacency information and an overload bit set that is not set.”

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BLANCHE WONG whose telephone number is (571)272-3177. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 830am to 530pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edan Orgad can be reached on 571-272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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